coal is taking placae, he may bring it to my notice. We shall certainly look into it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Regular inspections of Super Bazar Branches

*141. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision to conduct regular inspections of the branches of the Super Bazar;

(b) if so, the details of such inspections carried out during the last three years in each branch including the Main branch and control room;

(c) nature of irregularities detected and the action taken against those found guilty ;

(d) whether cases of the gross irregulari-ties have also come to the notice of Government ;

(e) if so, the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to remedy the situation ; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K ANTONY) : (a) to (f) Inspection of branches and other areas of Super Bazar including the main branch are carried out from time to time by the General Manager and other Officers of Super Bazar. Inspection of branches and mobile vans are also conducted on regular basis by certain specified Inspecting Officers. The details of inspection conducted by the Inspecting Officers during the last three years are as under :—

Year	No of Branches/ Mobile Vans Inspected
1990-91	238
1991-92	221
1992-93	127

Super Bazar has reported that irregularities like stock shortages, overcharging, theft *v.,\6* mis-appropriation and mis-demeanour have been detected. Disciplinary action by May of imposition of major and minor penalties regarding removal and dismissal from service, demotion, reduction in grade, (ensure, warning, stoppage of increments ec. recovery from salary for stock shortages and administrative action by Way of transfer etc. is taken against erring officials. Cases of gross irregularities are also referred to the police. In addition Management of Super Bazar also take corrective steps to ensure that such irregularities do not recur.

कोयले की ढुलाई

*142. श्री कलाश नारायण सारंग : क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश की खदानों से निकाला गया कोयला राज्य के अन्य भागों के साथ-साथ सीमावर्ती राज्यों को भी सप्लाई किया जाता है;

(ख) क्या कोयले की ढुलाई से खराब हो गयी सड़कों में सुधार करने तथा उनका रख-रखाव करने के लिए मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा कोई प्रस्ताव केन्द्रीय सरकार को भेजे गए हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) इस संबंध में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत कुमार पांजा) : (क) जी हां। मध्य प्रदेश में उत्पादित किए गए कोयले की आपूर्ति राज्य के

उपभोक्ताओं को तथा राज्य के बाहर के उपभोक्ताओं को की जा रही है ।

(ङ) से (घ) मई, 1982 में मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से कुछ सड़कों को चौड़ा तथा सुदृढ़ करने संबंधी एक प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ था । राज्य सरकार को सूचित कर दिया है कि राज्य की सड़कों का निर्माण किया जाना राज्य सरकारों का प्राथमिक उत्तरदायित्व है । राज्य सरकारें, अन्य संसाधनों के अतिरिक्त, अपने राज्यों में उत्पादित कोयले पर रायल्टी तथा अन्य कर लगाकर यथेष्ट राजस्व एकत्रित करती है, जिसे कोयला क्षेत्रों में सड़कों का निर्माण किए जाने के लिए प्रयोग में लाया जा सकता है ।

Show cause notice by RPF Commission to ITDC Provident Fund Trust

* 145. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state : :

(a) whether the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner served any show cause notice to ITDC Provident Fund Trust for non compliance of EPMP Act, 1952 ;

(b) if so, what are the specific lapses noticed by Provident Fund authorities;

(c) what steps have been taken since then to overcome the failures/lapses ;

(d) how many employee members were there in the ITDC Provident Fund Trust;

(e) what is the total trust amount as on date ;

(f) whether it is a fact the ITDC trust has failed to settle the Provident Fund dues and employees pensions in time; and

(g) who were/are the members of ITDC provident trust as per record ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (g) Delay in issue of annual statement of accounts, non-submission of audited balance-sheet and family pension return, non-completion of eligiibility register, etc. are the lapses noticed by the HPF authorised in functioning of the ITDC PF Trust. Several show-cause notices have been issued to the ITDC PF Trust for non-compliance with the EPF & MP Act, 1952 and the relaxation granted to them under para 79 of the EPF Scheme has since been withdrawn by the RPFC, Delhi.

There are Ave representatives each of the employers and the employees on the ITDC PF Trust. The total trust amount as on 3-11-1993 was Rs: 16.71 crores. There have seen some difficulties in settlement of certain PF and Family Pension claims. The EPF Organisaton has already initiated necessary action to sort out the matter.

Severe Coal shortage in Non-core Sectors

147. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(b) whether it is a fact that there is severe coal shortage in the non-core sectors;

(b) whether these non-core sectors are confronted with a serious problem of short receipts in supplies at the destination and a large scale pilferage in the yard;

(c) whether the raw coking coal production in the net coal output has consistently showed a declining trend ; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to *meet* this situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Coal companies are responsible only with regard to delivery and despatch of correct quantity and quality of coal from the loading end and they are not responsible for any loss in transit.

(c) and (d) Details of coking coal production during the years 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 is giving below :

(In Million Tonnes)
(Data Provisional)

	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Steel and Washery Grades .	31.80	32.77	32.33
Other Grades .	13.76	12.95	13.07

There is some gap between the demand and availability of metallurgical grade